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ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. A. A. Smith	$ 1.00	Rev. J. D. Ballard	$ 1.00
Rev. W. H. Moore	1.00	Rev. R. M. Godwin	1.00
Rev. C. T. Underwood	....	Rev. J. W. Davis	1.00
Rev. C. R. Murry	1.00	Rev. J. D. Fryar	1.00
Rev. J. D. Cowans	1.00	Rev. S. J. Gavin	1.00
Rev. H. Parker	1.00	Rev. P. M. Lee	1.00
Rev. S. T. Shiver	1.00	Rev. C. Taylor	1.00
Rev. K. E. Edwards	1.00	Rev. W. M. Melvin	1.00
Rev. F. M. Davis	1.00	Rev. C. C. Clark	1.00
Rev. P. E. Nicholson	1.00	Rev. A. H. Dixon	1.00
Rev. W. D. Wilson	1.00		

LICENTIATE.

Bro. W. H. Bridget.....$ .75

DEACON'S ROLL.

Deacon J. B. Herring	$ .50	Deacon A. Peterson	.50
Deacon H. Bunting	.50	Deacon O. A. Bennett	.50
Deacon W. H. Holmes	.50	Deacon R. B. Boykin	.50
Deacon W. H. Best	.50	Deacon T. C. Conley	.50
Deacon T. B. Boykin	.50	Deacon C. B. Underwood	.50
Deacon James Williams	.50	Deacon C. H. Spell	.50
Deacon J. O. Robinson	.50	Deacon J. H. Cooper	.50
Deacon I. N. Robinson	.50	Deacon W. A. Rich	.50
Deacon J. A. Boykin	.50	Deacon H. L. Lovett	.50
Deacon Isham Butler	.50	Deacon A. Parker	.50
Deacon Amy Cooper	.50	Deacon J. S. Goodman	.50
Deacon Hardy Butler	.50	Deacon E. H. Holmes	.50
Deacon W. M. Tatum	.50	Deacon Frank Faison	.50
Deacon W. L. Baggett	.50	Deacon John H. Moore	.50
Deacon A. D. Baggett	.50	Deacon H. Hubbard	.50
Deacon T. R. Williams	.50	Deacon Calvin Melvin	.50
Deacon J. S. Owens	.50	Deacon J. C. Underwood	.50
Deacon Eddie Smith	.50	Deacon Robert Boykin	.50
Deacon Warren Holmes	.50	Deacon Alex Boykin	.50
Deacon Thos. Merritt	.50	Deacon Archie Underwood	.25
Deacon A. R. Lee	.50	Deacon F. F. Henry	.50
Deacon D. M. Merritt	.50	Deacon B. J. Boykin	....

PROCEEDINGS.

Clinton, N. C., October 19th, 1916.

The Western Union Missionary Baptist Association convened in its eleventh annual session with the Cedar Creek Baptist Church with Rev. A. A. Smith presiding. Praise services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Davis and Brother W. H. Best. First hymn, "Come to Jesus," etc. And then he read the 18th division of Psalms. Invocation by Bro. W. H. Best. After which Bro. H. Bunting led in "Let Jesus lead you," etc. At this time according to the programme it was time for the welcome address on the part of the church and community. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the Moderator suggested that it be deferred until Friday night. Then after a few preliminary remarks he announced that according to the program it was time for the introductory sermon. Rev. Fryar being absent Rev. C. R. Murray was asked to serve in his stead, with Rev. C. T. Underwood alternate. Rev. Underwood lined hymn No. 15, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," etc. Invocation by Bro. H. Bunting. After which Rev. Underwood led, "Once more we meet to pray," etc. Then the Moderator introduced the speaker of the hour. Rev. Murry arose and after a few preliminary remarks he selected a text suitable for the occasion, 12th chapter of Paul's letter to the Hebrews and the 18th verse. His sermon was a masterpiece. Invocation by Rev. C. T. Underwood.

After which Deacon J. B. Herring sang, "I will trust in the Lord," etc. Bro. W. H. Best was asked to lift a collection. Those that paid 25 cents were Bros. J. B. Herring, W. H. Best, H. Bunting, Milton Holmes, W. H. Holmes, Archie Underwood, Isham Butler, John Bunting, Amy Cooper and M. C. Robinson. Amount of collection $3.00. The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. C. T. Underwood.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met as per adjournment. Praise services were conducted by Rev. R. M. Godwin and Bro. J. B. Herring. Rev. Godwin lined hymn No. 145, "O for a heart to praise my God," etc., and read the 20th chapter of Isaiah. Invocation by Bro. J. B. Herring. Second hymn No. 151, "Father, I stretch my hand to thee," etc. After which the Moderator announced the house ready for the dispatch of business. The Minutes of the forenoon session were read and adopted.

Then a committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Bros. G. W. Sampson, H. Bunting and Bro. Amy Cooper.

The roll of churches were called and represented as follows:

Clinton, First Baptist—Bros. Milton Holmes, H. Bunting and J. L. Holmes.

Lisbon Street Second Baptist, Clinton—Bros. W. H. Holmes, M. C. Robinson and W. H. Best.

Tomahawk—Bros. J. B. Herring, R. T. Kerr and F. F. Henry.

Ingold, First Baptist—Bros. James Williams, Thos. J. L. Boykin and T. B. Boykin.

Chapel Hill—Bro. Oscar Williams.

Mount Pleasant—Bros. M. J. Butler and M. C. Melvin.

Elizabeth—Bros. Anson Baggett and B. D. Williams.

Snow Hill—Bros. Isham Butler, Amy Cooper and Henry Williams.

Little Field—Bros. Thos. Merritt, M. D. Merritt and N. N. West.

Browns Chapel—Bros. G. W. Sampson and J. D. Fryar.

Beaverdam—Bro. J. S. Goodman.

Cedar Creek—Bros. B. J. Boykin, B. F. Boykin and Alex. Brewington.

Bear Skin—A. Parker and W. A. Rich.

Red Hill—J. C. Underwood, J. P. Underwood and C. B. Underwood.

First Baptist, Roseboro—Bro. Allen McLemore.

First Baptist, Garland—Bros. C. H. Spell and Johnnie Cooper.
Wards Chapel—Rev. J. D. Cowans.
Piney Grove—Bros. W. I. Peterson, T. C. Conley and Ned Owens.
The Association adjourned with benediction by the Moderator.

FIRST DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The Association met as per programme. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. S. J. Gavin and Rev. P. M. Lee. Rev. Lee lined hymn No. 715, "I am not ashamed to own my Lord," etc. After which Rev. Gavin proceeded to read a portion of the 15th chapter of the Lord's gospel recorded by St. John, followed by a brief explanation, then offered prayer. Rev. J. W. Davis sang, "God's army is going to shine." After which the Moderator announced that it was time for the doctrinal sermon which was to be preached by Rev. F. M. Davis, he being absent Rev. S. T. Shiver was asked to preach in his stead, associated by Rev. J. W. Davis. Rev. Davis lined hymn No. 626, "O for a closer walk with God," etc. Rev. Shiver arose and after making a few preliminary remarks he selected a text suitable for the occasion 3rd chapter of Paul's letter to second Timothy. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. His sermon was a masterpiece. It was enjoyed by all. Invocation by Rev. Davis. After which Rev. Murry sang, "God loves me so," etc. Rev. S. J. Gavin and Bro. J. O. Bishop were called to lift a collection. Amount $2.15.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. S. J. Gavin.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled as per program. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. D. Ballard and Rev. H. Parker. First hymn No. 516. After which Rev. Parker proceeded to read the 90th division of the Psalms. The Association was then led to the throne of grace by Deacon Amy Cooper. Second hymn No. 492, "The head that once was crowned with thorns," etc. Then after some very interesting remarks by the President he announced the house ready for the dispatch of business. He announced further we would have the welcome address as it had been deferred on account of the weather. Rev. Ballard came forward and delivered a most cordial welcome address on the part of the church and community. He said many things that caused us to feel ourselves at home. His address was beautifully responded to on the part of the Association by Rev. K. E. Edwards.

By motion the minutes of the last session were read and adopted.

Annual fees collected amount to $20.75.

After which the various committees were appointed.

At this time according to program it was time for the Educational sermon which was to be preached by Rev. C. R. Murry and Rev. S. T. Shiver. They responded by taking the stand. Rev. Shiver lined hymn No. 674, "O for a faith that will not shrink," etc., and read Acts 2 and then offered prayer. After which he presented the speaker of the hour. Rev. Murray arose and after a few preliminary remarks proceeded to select a text suitable for the occasion Exodus 3:2: And he looked and behold the bush burned and the bush was not consumed, divisions first forty years in the palace, second 40 years as a Shepherd, third 40 years leading Israel. His sermon was a materpiece. Everybody that heard it seemed to be inspired. Rev. W. D. Wilson and C. H. Spell were asked to lift a collection. Those who paid 25 cents were as follows: Rev. W. D. Wilson, Bros. C. H. Spell, Almond Rich, J. L. Holmes, Thos. Merritt. Amount of collection $6.88. Then Rev. J. M. Newkirk, a delegate from Kenansville Eastern Association, came forward and

made his report which was very interesting. Rev. Cobb from the same Association was introduced to the body. Collection for Rev. Newkirk $2.00.

The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. K. E. Edwards.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled as per adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. D. Fryar and Bro. J. O. Bishop. Bro. Bishop read a portion of the 18th chapter of Matthew. Invocation by Rev. J. D. Fryar.

After which the President announced the house ready for business.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

At this time according to the program it was time for the President's Address. Rev. Smith arose and said that he had not prepared any special paper but he would make an original address. Dr. Smith's address was pregnant with facts. The whole Association seemed to be animated while hearing such an address. At the close of his address Rev. Dr. Moore sang one verse of "blessed be the name of the Lord. Then by motion the President's address was heartily received.

Then the Treasurer came forward and reported. (See report.)

Executive Board reported. (See report.)

Trustee Board reported. (See report.)

By motion all the reports were received.

The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. H. Parker.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The Association met as per adjournment. Praise services were conducted by Rev. R. M. Godwin and Bro. James Williams. First hymn No. 131, "O for a heart to praise my God," etc. After which Deacon Williams proceeded to read a portion of the 14th chapter of St. John. Invocation by Rev. Godwin. Rev. Ballard sang, "I shall know Him." According to the program Rev. A. H. Dixon and Rev. P. E. Nicholson were to preach. Rev. Nicholson declined in favor of Rev. Cobbs, Rev. W. D. Wilson alternate. Rev. Wilson lined hymn No. 800, "Go preach my gospel," etc. After which he presented the speaker of the hour. Rev. Cobbs arose and after making some preliminary remarks selected for his text Exodus 3:12. Rev. Cobbs proved himself master of the argument. At the close of his sermon Rev. Wilson led, "Are you washed?"

Bro. Johnnie Cooper and Rev. J. W. Davis were asked to lift a collection which amounted to $3.21.

Then Mrs. T. B. Boykin, a delegate from the Woman's Auxiliary Association, came forward and delivered an interesting report. She brought forward $1.00 as a donation from their Association. Her report and donation were heartily received.

The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. W. D. Wilson.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled as per program. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. M. Godwin and Bro. W. H. Pridget. First hymn No. 336, "Come sinner to the gospel feast," etc. After which Brother Pridget proceeded to read a portion of the 3rd chapter of the Lord's gospel recorded by St. John and offered prayer. Second hymn 367, "Let every mortal ear attend," etc. The President announced the house ready for business.

By motion the Minutes of the last session were read and adopted.

After which the President asked Rev. J. T. Deans, Rev. C. C. Clark and

Prof. L. N. Neal to come before the Association. They each came forward and made a few but timely remarks.

By motion the Association heartily accepted their remarks.

At this hour according to the program it was time for the Missionary sermon which was to be preached by Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. C. C. Clark alternate. The speakers responded by taking the stand. Rev. Clark lined hymn No. 299, "Come holy Spirit, heavenly dove," etc. Invocation by Rev. S. T. Shiver. Second hymn, 637, "I love thy kingdom, Lord," etc. After which the President presented the speaker of the hour. Rev. Moore arose and in his usual way made a few but well chosen remarks, after which he proceeded to select a text suitable for the occasion, Matthew 28:19. The outlines of his discourse were as follows: Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Matthew 28:19-20. Subject: Christian Missions. Christ our Lord and Savior was the divine first model preacher and the world's Missionary to follow man. He has given us our sacred eventful calling, great responsible office and position; far above Governors, President, Kings and Emperors, John the disciples apostles, and true successors derive all their authority, power and successes from the triune eternal God. Jesus Immanuel is God with us. His precepts, examples, ordinances are obligatory on us. We are sacredly bound to obey in spirit, truth and faith, according to the pattern. Experience is true knowledge. Converts are born missionaries. They should be fed, nursed and taught. All young and old require active, personal, spiritual exercises for health development and growth in grace. This they must have for a reflex blessing. How unwise it is to neglect slight home calls or distant fields. Many are returning from their first love. Repent and confess their mistake about missions. Behold the fields, the whole world is ripe for the sickle to be reaped for Christ. Bleaching Africa, our mother land, calls. Can you hear the cry? You must save Africa or report to God the reason why. Let no man or demon beguile you. Go ye and make disciples of all nations. Some Societies have only learned gospel wisdom and practice on that point in Mission work. At home we have greater advantages than abroad. What hath God wrought Some Mission stations have had revealed Penticost. Shall the blood of souls stain our garments? Deny thyself, raise the banner of the Cross, follow God's word and the spirit of Christ, trust God and win nations to heaven. Behold Christ's birth, ministry and death, resurrection, ascension and intercession. Let the Baptist awake and take the world for Christ Jesus and the church.

Everybody seemed to be inspired after having heard such a wonderful Missionary sermon. Rev. J. D. Cowans and Rev. J. T. Deans were called to lift a collection which amounted to $17.21. The following persons paid 25 cents each in the Missionary collection: Rev. J. D. Cowans, Bro. Milton Holmes, Rev. P. E. Nicholson, Bro. C. B. Underwood, Bro. W. T. Peterson, Bro. M. D. Merritt, Rev. J. T. Deans, Bros. T. C. Conley, R. T. Kerr, Lewis Mathis, Thos. Merritt, Amos Butler, J. Goodman, T. J. L. Boykin, Rev. H. Parker, H. Hubbard, Rev. J. D. Ballard, Rossie Oats, Prof. L. N. Neal, Miss Annie B. Sampson, J. O. Bishop, Hardy Bunting, H. Williams, Miss Rena Mathis, Mrs. C. B. Underwood, Annie Underwood, A. Peterson, Elander Boykin, W. H. Holmes, Warren Holmes, Johnnie Cooper, Amy Cooper, W. M. Boykin, W. D. Wilson, W. H. Walker, W. H. Pridget, Rev. J. D. Fryar, Mrs. Francis Cooper, Rev. C. T. Underwood $1, Mrs. S. A. Spell, and Mrs. T. B. Boykin.

Committee on Nomination of officers reported. (See report.)

Committee on New Churches reported. (See report.)

The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. W. D. Wilson.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled as per adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. S. J. Gavin and Bro. Johnnie Bunting. First hymn 150. Invocation by Bro. Johnnie Bunting. After which the Moderator announced the house ready for business.

The Minutes of the forenoon session were read and adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported. (See report.)

At this hour Prof. L. N. Neal, Principal of the teachers Training School of Clinton, N. C., was allowed space to come before the Association. He laid his plans before the Association in a very interesting manner. Collection for him $2.55. He accepted it with thanks. We are always glad to have him in our midst. Come again Professor.

Committee on Place reported. (See report.)

Committee on Ordination reported. (See report.)

Finance Committee reported. (See report.)

After a few remarks by the Moderator the Association adjourned to meet again with the Little Field Missionary Baptist Church, twenty miles North of Clinton, N. C., beginning Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1917. REV. A. A. SMITH, Moderator.

THOS. J. L. BOYKIN, Seretary.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS.

We, the Executive Board of the West Union Missionary Baptist Association and Union Educational Missionary Baptist S. S. Convention met in a joint session at Clinton, N. C., October 2nd, 1916. The meeting was opened by devotional services. Dr. W. H. Moore lined hymn, "I heard the voice of Jesus," etc. Invocation by Rev. C. T. Underwood. Rev. A. A. Smith was made Chairman of the meeting. P. M. Lee Secretary. Rev. Smith took the Chair and announced the house ready for business.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Moore, who knew the object of the meeting arose and stated all of its purposes. The most interesting subject of the meeting was concerning our educational project at Clinton, N. C. Nearly all of the members present spoke on the subject. Although it seemed for awhile that there could not be a solid idea reached until a resolution was offered by Rev. W. H. Moore. His resolutions read as follows:

Whereas, we the joint Boards met and discussed with consideration the purpose of Building a school at Clinton and having thoroughly investigated the conditions as they are and seeing the united determination to hold on to the present plans to build.

Resolved, That this board recommend to the Association and churches to take fresh courage and continue their co-operation with the project of Building at Clinton.

Resolved further, That we recommend that denominational education be encouraged in other denominational schools in our bounds and the same be helped in a substantial way.

Resolved further, That it be the sense of this body that the courage of their convictions be hereby stimulated by the leaders and officers of this body. W. H. MOORE.

After hearing his resolution the programs for the Association were received.

By motion, the expenses of the Board were paid.
The Board adjourned to meet at the Association.

REV. A. A. SMITH,
REV. W. H. MOORE,
REV. S. T. SHIVER,
REV. C. T. UNDERWOOD,
REV. A. H. DIXON,
REV. J. D. COWANS,
REV. C. TAYLOR,
REV. P. M. LEE,
BRO. G. W. SAMPSON,
BRO. A. PETERSON,
BRO. J. L. HOLMES,
BRO. THOS. J. L. BOYKIN,
BRO. MILTON HOLMES,
BRO. ANSON BAGGETT,
Members.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

T. A. Peterson, Treasurer of the Western Union Baptist Association, begs leave to submit the following report:

Brought forward to Mount Pleasant	$ 145.72
Oct. 23, 1915. Received from the Finance Committee	243.42
Dec. 18, 1915. Received from Mr. A. R. Bizzell	10.70
July 30, 1916. Received of Rev. K. E. Edwards, annual fees for Bro. D. W. Merritt	.50
Total amount received	$ 400.30

Disbursements.

October 23, 1915, to Rev. A. A. Smith for expenses	$ 8.00
To T. J. L. Boykin, for service as Secretary	10.00
To Rev. K. E. Tdwards	5.00
For programs	2.10
To Sexton	1.50
To Garland Church	10.00
To McDaniel Institute School	10.00
To J. L. Holmes for work	5.00
To Rev. W. H. Moore	22.28
To Sister S. A. Mial	10.00
To W. M. Tatum	.50
Dec. 22, 1915, to T. J. L. Boykin, Printing Minutes	24.00
October 2, 1916, Executive Board expenses—	
To Rev. C. T. Underwood	1.70
To Rev. S. T. Shiver	3.00
To Rev. A. A. Smith	3.75
To A. Peterson	1.00
To G. W. Sampson	1.00
Total paid out	$ 117.33
Balance on hand	$ 283.01

Yours, A. PETERSON.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Mr. President and members of this body: We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

Received from representation	$ 121.85
Received from annual fees	52.51
Received from public collection	31.20
Received for Home Missions	1.00
Received for Education	5.00
Received for Foreign Missions	1.00
Received for Orphanage	2.25
Received for Faison High School	2.00
Received for rent of lot	27.00
By mistake of count	.79
Received for Prof. L. N. Neal	2.55
Grand total	$ 245.55

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. SAMPSON,
HARDY BUNTING,
J. L. HOLMES, Committee.

REPORT ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. Vice-President and members of this Association: We, your committee on Nomination of Officers beg leave to submit the following report. We recommend the following names as officers for the ensuing year:

For President—Rev. A. A. Smith.
For Vice-President—Rev. H. Parker.
For Recording Secretary—Thos. J. L. Boykin.
For Corresponding Secretary—Rev. P. M. Lee.
For Treasurer—Deacon A. Peterson.
For Auditor—Rev. W. D. Wilson.
Trustee Board—Rev. A. A. Smith, Rev. H. Parker, and Deacon J. B. Herring.
Executive Board—Rev. K. E. Edwards, Rev. S. T. Shiver, Rev. S. J. Gavin, Rev. A. A. Smith, Deacons C. H. Spell, T. Merritt, G. W. Sampson, A. Peterson and Rev. C. Taylor
Ministerial Examining Board—Rev. J. D. Cowans, Rev. S. T. Shiver, Rev. H. Parker, Rev. W. H. Moore and Rev. D. T. Best.

We recommend the following disbursements:

President's expenses	$ 8.00
Recording Secretary	10.00
Corresponding Secretary	5.00
Sexton	1.50
For Programs	2.25
Rev. R. M. Godwin after entering school	10.00
To Cedar Creek Church	5.00
To Bear Skin Church	5.00

COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Mr. President: We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit our report: Whereas, Temperance is one of the great forces in the world for good, and whereas, It is one of the great principles on which the church, the home, the State and Nationshould build and establish the principles and

commandments of Jesus Christ, and whereas, intemperance is one of the great forces of evil destroying and impeding the religious and moral progress of our people; whereas, the nation, State and county, even business concerns are doing much to eliminate men that are guilty of excessive drinking; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this body enlist its forces to destroy this great enemy intemperance in all its various forms everywhere, especially in the leadership of our people. Oh may we as Christians, place our affections on things above.

Humbly submitted.

REV. R. M. GODWIN
REV. W. D. WILSON,
BRO. W. H. PRIDGET,
REV. J. D. FRYAR,
BRO. W. T. PETERSON,
BRO. W. H. WILLIAMS,
MRS. T. B. BOYKIN, Secy.,
Committee.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES.

Mr. President: Your Committee on Grievances, beg leave to submit our report: We are glad to say that we had no serious case of grievance to come before us. The only case we had to come before us was the matter between Lisbon Street church and Red Hill church regarding the membership of Bro. W. H. Holmes. In view of the fact that the Brother was first a member of Lisbon street church and from there he went and joined the Methodist church, and from the Methodist church to Red Hill church, finally he returned to Lisbon Street, his mother church and acknowledged his faults and asked the Church's pardon. It was granted and he was reinstated back in full fellowship with the church. After careful consideration of the course of procedure taken by the brother we recommend him to remain at Lisbon Street church.

Humbly submitted,

REV. J. W. DAVIS,
REV. C. CLARK,
BRO. J. B. HERRING,
BRO. ISHAM BUTLER,
BRO. W. H. HOLMES,
Committee.

REPORT ON PLACE.

We, your Committee on Place, beg leave to submit our report. We had two applications for the next session of the Association, viz: Wards Chapel and Little Field Church. We recommend the next session to meet with the Little Field Baptist Church.

Respectfully,

REV. J. D. BALLARD,
REV. C. TAYLOR,
REV. R. M. GODWIN,
BRO. NED OWENS,
BRO. RICHARD BOON,
Committee.

REPORT ON NEW CHURCHES.

Mr. President: We, your Committee on New Churches, beg leave to read our report. We had no application for any new churches to come before us for admission.

Respectfully,

REV. J. D. FRYAR,
BRO. W. A. RICH,
BRO. A. PARKER,
BRO. J. H. COOPER,
BRO. AMY COOPER, Committee.

REPORT ON ORDINATION.

Mr. President and members of this grand body. We, your Committee on Ordination, beg leave to submit the following report: We had one application for ordination, viz: Bro. W. H. Pridget, from Tomahawk Baptist Church. But as he did not have a letter of recommendation from his church we could only recommend him to go back to his church for recommendation.

REV. C. C. CLARK,
REV. C. TAYLOR,
REV. J. D. COWANS,
REV. H. PARKER,
REV. W. D. WILSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON PRESBYTERY.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report: On Friday before the first Sunday in March, 1916, the Little Field Baptist Church called the Board to examine Bro. P. M. Lee. He was found worthy and we ordained him. He made an average of 98 1-2 per cent.

REV. S. T. SHIVAR,
REV. J. D. COWANS,
REV. K. E. EDWARDS,
Committee.

COVENANT.

Having been, as we trust, brought by Divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give ourselves wholly to Him, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in Him, with brotherly love to His glory, as our common Lord; we do therefore in His strength engage:

That we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully warn, exhort and admonish each other as occasion may require.

That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together but will uphold the public worship of God and the ordinances of His house.

That we will not omit closet and family religion at home, nor neglect the great duty of religiously training our children and those under our care, for the service of Christ and engagement of heaven.

That as we are the Light of the World and the Salt of the Earth, we will seek Divine aid to enable us to deny ungodliness and every worldly lust, and to walk circumspectly in the world, that we may win the souls of men.

That we will cheerfully contribute of our property, according as God has prospered us, for the maintenance of a faithful and Evangelical Minister among us, for the support of the poor and to spread the gospel over the earth.

That we will in all conditions, even till death, strive to live to the glory of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light and may the God of Peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

DECORUM.

It is requested that each Church belonging to this Association shall hold at least four Quarterly Conferences in the year; and it is urgently requested that the Covenant be read to the members at each Quarterly Conference.

By order of the Association.

RESOLUTION.

That any act on the part of this Body, to change any article of the Constitution of this Body, that notice must be given at the session prior to the date of change; and change must be by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at its regular session.

Resolution was adopted.

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION.

Whereas, the people of God are commanded to strive together in union of interest and effort for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among men; therefore, we, the Missionary Baptists of this section of North Carolina agree to form ourselves into an Association for mutual help, having in view the following objects:

1. The establishment of Union among our Churches upon principles embracing discipline, government and organization.

2. To encourage among the brethren by all means self-reliance, education and general improvements; to extend the gospel as far as our ability will permit; to secure these ends we pledge ourselves to God and to each other to sustain the principles embodied in this our Constitution.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Western Union Baptist Association.

Art. 2. It shall be the object of this Association to aid and encourage the work of the churches in establishing Christ's kingdom among men to aid and encourage Home and Foreign Missions, the Colored Orphan Asylum, Ministerial and General Education and a Relief Fund for old and decrepit members.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of Churches and members who are in good standing in regular Missionary Baptist Churches, namely, each Church representing shall be entitled to three delegates.

Art. 4. Ministers pastoring Churches or connected with churches by membership belonging to this Association shall be considered qualified members.

Art. 5. Ministers in good standing with a regular organized Missionary Baptist Church in good and regular standing with other Associations may become an annual member of this body by the payment of fifty cents and accorded all the privileges except that of voting.

Art. 6. Laymen may become annual members by the payment of twenty-five cents, and any one desiring may become a Life member by the payment of two dollars.

Art. 7. Churches regularly organized may be represented annually by the payment of ten cents per member, 50 per cent. of which shall be appropriated as Educational funds and 50 per cent for general expenses of the Association, Home and Foreign Missions.

Art. 8. The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and an Executive Board of seven, and a Presbytery of five members, all of which shall be elected annually and must be duly qualified members of the Association.

Art. 9. All the above officers shall perform such duties as devolve upon them and especially the following: The President and Secretary shall sign all orders on the Treasurer; the Treasurer shall hold all monies and valuable papers belonging to the Association and pay all orders on the treasurer that are properly signed and give such bond as the Association may require. The Recording Secretary shall record all proceedings of the Association while in session and superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes. The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all correspondence. The Pres-

ident shall preside over the body and shall state questions for debate and decide points of order. The Executive Board shall have full charge of all the work of the Association when not in session. It shall elect its own officers and meet as often as called together by its Chairman.

Art. 10. The officers of this Association shall be elected annually and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Art. 11. This body shall meet annually at such place as it may select on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October and close on Saturday.

Art. 12. The officers of this Association shall be elected by ballot unless otherwise determined by the Association.

Art. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached at each annual meeting an Introductory, Educational, Missionary and Doctrinal sermons during the session.

Art. 14. All Ordained Ministers belonging to this Association or pastoring in its bounds are required to pay annually to the session one dollar, Licentiate Ministers 75 cents.

Art. 15. Deacons are required to pay 50 cents annually and if delegate to pay 75 cents extra; each delegate is required to pay 25 cents annually. Same to be paid in the church, one half of which is to be applied to Educational Funds, the other half to be applied to the objects of the Association.

Art. 16. This Constitution may be changed annually at the session by a two-third vote of the members present, notice having been given twelve months prior.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES AND CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.

Clinton, 1st Baptist—Rev. Fred M. Davis, Wilson; J. L. Holmes, Clinton.
Big Piney Grove—Rev. A. H. Dixon, Rose Hill; L. K. Peterson, Parkersburg.
Browns—Rev. S. T. Shiver, Wilmington; G. W. Sampson, Clinton.
Ingold, 1st Baptist—Rev. W. H. Moore, Wilmington; Thos. J. L. Boykin, Parkersburg.
Snow Hill—Rev. C. H. Murry, Willard; Amos Butler, Roseboro.
Roseboro—Rev. W. M. Melvin, Autryville; Adam Smith, Roseboro.
Garland—Rev. J. D. Fryar, Turkey; R. J. Cromartie, Garland.
Elizabeth—Rev. J. D. Cowans, Delway; Anson Baggett, Cooper.
Mount Pleasant—Rev. J. D. Ballard, Magnolia; A. F. Butler, Roseboro.
Wards Chapel—Rev. J. D. Cowans, Delway; D. W. Hayes, Kerr, Box 55.
Chapel Hill—Rev. W. M. Melvin, Autryville; Oscar Williams, Autryvile.
Tomahawk—Rev. W. M. Melvin, Autryville; R. T. Kerr, Tomahawk.
Bear Skin—Rev. A. H. Dixon, Rose Hill; A. Parker, Huntley.
Red Hill—Rev. M. F. Jones, Raleigh; J. P. Underwood, Clinton.
Little Field—Rev. J. D. Cowans, Delway; Clarence West, Dunn.
Lisbon Street—Rev. C. C. Clark, Raleigh; Howard Beamon, Clinton.
Cedar Creek—Rev. J. D. Ballard, Magnolia; B. F. Boykin, Clinton.
Beaver Dam—Isaac Royal, Clerk, Clinton.

FORM OF CHURCH LTTTER.

From ..... Church.

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To the Western Union Missionary Baptist Association—Greeting:
We send as Delegates, viz:

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Baptized..... Received by Letter.....

Restored..... Females .....

Excluded..... Males .....

Dismissed by Letter..... Total .....

Value of Church Property.....$.....

Pastor's salary .....$.....

Amount sent this session for Representative Fee.....$.....

Amount given for Education.....$.....

Amount given for Home Missions.....$.....

Amount given for Orphans.....$.....

Total sent to the Association.....$.....

Total amount raised this year for all purposes.....$.....

Names of Ordained Ministers belonging to our Church by membership:

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Licentiates .....

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Deacons .....

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..... Secretary.

Address .....

Rev. .....Pastor.

Address .....

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Rec. by Baptism.	Rec. by letter.	Expelled.	Dis. by letter.	Deaths.	Restored.	Total Membership.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	Communicants.	Orphanage.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Representation Fees.	Value of Church Property.	Pastor's Salary.	Education.	Amount sent to Association.	Raised for all purposes.	Balance due.
Clinton, 1st Baptist	7	2	41	..	1	4	263	1	..	2	$ 2.00	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$26.30	$2600.00	$ 180.00	$ 5.00	$35.30	$.....	$ .....
Big Piney Grove...	3	..	..	..	..	1	144	1	..	..	.....	.....	.....	14.40	1500.00	100.00	.....	14.40	150.40	.....
Browns	10	..	..	1	..	..	60	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	6.00	.....	120.00	.....	6.00	150.00	.....
Ingold, 1st Baptist.	3	..	1	2	1	..	94	....	..	3	.....	.....	.....	9.40	1600.00	140.00	.....	9.40	350.00	.....
Snow Hill	..	..	..	1	..	1	68	2	..	..	.....	.....	.....	6.80	880.00	144.00	.....	6.80	.....	.....
Roseboro	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	1.60	.....	72.00	.....	.....	26.87	.....
Garland	15	2	..	..	..	..	50	....	..	4	.25	.....	.....	5.00	.....	100.00	.....	5.25	205.00	.....
Elizabeth	12	..	5	..	..	..	74	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	7.40	500.00	90.00	.....	7.40	.....	.....
Mount Pleasant ..	11	1	..	..	..	4	100	....	..	3	.....	.....	.....	10.00	400.00	100.00	.....	10.00	300.00	.....
Wards Chapel	5	1	4	..	..	2	40	1	..	..	.....	.....	.....	3.20	.....	100.00	.....	.....	150.00	.80
Chapel Hill	..	..	1	..	..	..	21	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	2.10	325.00	60.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tomahawk	6	..	..	..	..	1	70	....	1	..	.....	.....	.....	7.00	1000.00	80.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bear Skin	7	..	1	..	..	5	70	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	5.90	600.00	100.00	.....	5.90	275.00	1.10
Red Hill	..	..	2	..	..	..	58	2	..	..	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.30
Little Field	2	..	..	..	..	1	47	1	..	..	.....	.....	.....	4.75	635.00	.....	.....	.....	58.83	.....
Lisbon Street	..	1	8	..	..	5	40	2	1	..	.....	.....	.....	4.00	15.00	.....	.....	.....	275.00	.....
Cedar Creek	2	1	..	..	..	..	55	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	5.50	800.00	78.00	.....	.....	195.00	.....
Beaver Dam	2	..	..	..	..	1	21	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	2.15	500.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	.....

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1/2
591 members

Dr. C. S. Brown
Winton
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